

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting

Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room

December 12, 2019 6:30 pm

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

Nicci Lucas, HR, presented travel requests from Clerk Amy Thompson for December 16, 17 and 18 for herself, Jennifer Heumann, Brenda King and Chuck Wagoner; December 8-11 for the Prosecutors Office (already passed). Also for Treasurer Kitty Shepherd and Tonja Castetter for Noblesville for August 5 and 6 for AIC Conference. Randy Shepherd called Matt and spoke about Southeastern Assessors District Meeting on December 4. Also, Kitty and Tonja will be going to the Spring Conference in Carmel on March 10. They do get government rates on the hotels. Bob Willhite made the motion to approve all the travel requests, Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicci also asked permission to post the Veterans job. There needs to be a decision made if there is going to be a posting for the interim. She has met with the regional director and he is advising, with the Holidays coming up, that we not push too hard on this until after the first of year. Nicci is currently handling this and she would like to have an interim to help as she is coordinating all the transportation again. She had someone in mind to help as the interim but he turned it down. Matt suggested that she post both positions. That way she would have interim help and be able to take time to hire a full time position.

Bob Willhite made the motion to sign the prior minutes and to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Acton, Animal Control, spoke on board appointments. There were three board members but now down to zero. Vickie Cardinal resigned, Julie Huelson resigned as she moved out of county and Susie Hall resigned as she is moving out of county. They have found Jeanie Hahn and Marie Shepherd to take 2 of the open spots. Michelle will go to the County Council and have already gone to the City for the other appointment.

Michelle also spoke on the Animal Control Ordinance. She has added some things such as you can no longer claim a lost animal after 3 days you actually have to wait 30 days before claiming it as your own or re-homing it. You also have to let Animal Control know. There are restrictions in the ordinance so people that are constantly breaking ordinance or not taking care of their animals will be restricted to only 2 animals. If they continue to break ordinance then they will no longer be able to have animals in the county. Fines have been raised-\$25 went up to \$75, \$100 up to \$150, \$500 is staying the same. Definitions were added to explain things better. They can order aggressive animals to be put down instead of having to go to court. Matt wanted to know who approved these changes if all the board had

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resigned. Michelle said these were written 1-2 months ago and the 3 board members approved it. He recommended that the new board be put in place and then review the ordinance changes and then come back to the Commissioners. When this happens and if there is no changes in the above, this would be considered the first reading. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve Jeanie Hahn and Marie Shepherd to the Animal Control Board. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Bob Willhite made the motion to table the ordinance changes until the new board looks it over. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Freeman and Dave Turner passed out Traffic Code Ordinances. He was asking for 10-4-199 (99-09 and 99-10) to be rescinded as it shows 40 mph and they want it to be 35 mph. Bob Willhite made the motion to rescind 99-09 and 99-10. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Turner also spoke on issues in the county regarding the noise ordinance. Ellie Bright said she has looked into some surrounding counties and the city ordinances on noise, odor, etc. She will have this together the first of the year. Dave Turner asked if business and agriculture could be exempt in that. Bob Willhite made the motion to have Ellie proceed with this. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Turner spoke about replacing the officer that took the School Resource position. They are going to do a hiring process in preparation as they are going to have another position open as another officer is leaving to take another job. Bob Willhite made the motion to go ahead with the hiring. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Lindy Hensley from the Joy of Giving spoke on wanting to use the Community Building on September 19 for their annual ATV ride. There is an ATV ride, dinner and then an auction. She was asking if the charge for the Community Building could be waived as they are a non-for-profit organization and the money they raise stays in the county. This year for Christmas they are helping 50 kids through the school system, they took 20 kids off their Angel Tree, helped with the Jennings County Youth Foundation, the Coordinating Council, senior prom, medical bills, rent, electric, funeral expenses, etc. Bob Willhite made the motion to waive the expenses. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia Salsman, Auditor, spoke on the changing of a pay date from 12/25/2020 to 12/24/2020. Bob Willhite made the motion to change the date. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia also spoke on SIRPC 2 appointments that are needed. They previously said to check with Kitty and Randall Shepherd to see if they would be on that board. They both agreed to be on the board. Bob Willhite made the motion to appoint Randall and Kitty Shepherd to the SIRPC board. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



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Tessia reported that Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) membership dues are due in January, 2020. The amount due is \$1395.24 Bob Willhite made the motion to continue the AIC membership and pay the dues. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ellie presented the ordinance for the Boswell vacate of a410 feet of road at 700 N in Butlerville. Bob Willhite made the motion to adopt the ordinance. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Reeves from the Highway Dept said he has INDOT LPA contracts for Bridge 2 on 900 W Scipio area. These need signatures. All commissioners signed this.

He also has a consultant LPA agreement for Bridge 39, 800 N for redecking. This needs the commissioner's signatures. All commissioners signed this.

Bob Willhite made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



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Tessia Salsman, Auditor

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Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President

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Robert Willhite, Commissioner, Vice-President

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Dave Lane, Commissioner

# AMENDED 2020 PAYROLL SCHEDULE

Pay Period		Pay Period	Pay Date
Beginning Date		Ending Date	
1	12/23/2019	01/05/2020	01/10/2020
2	01/06/2020	01/19/2020	01/24/2020
3	01/20/2020	02/02/2020	02/07/2020
4	02/03/2020	02/16/2020	02/21/2020
5	02/17/2020	03/01/2020	03/06/2020
6	03/02/2020	03/15/2020	03/20/2020
7	03/16/2020	03/29/2020	04/03/2020
8	03/30/2020	04/12/2020	04/17/2020
9	04/13/2020	04/26/2020	05/01/2020
10	04/27/2020	05/10/2020	05/15/2020
11	05/11/2020	05/24/2020	05/29/2020
12	05/25/2020	06/07/2020	06/12/2020
13	06/08/2020	06/21/2020	06/26/2020
14	06/22/2020	07/05/2020	07/10/2020
15	07/06/2020	07/19/2020	07/24/2020
16	07/20/2020	08/02/2020	08/07/2020
17	08/03/2020	08/16/2020	08/21/2020
18	08/17/2020	08/30/2020	09/04/2020
19	08/31/2020	09/13/2020	09/18/2020
20	09/14/2020	09/27/2020	10/02/2020
21	09/28/2020	10/11/2020	10/16/2020
22	10/12/2020	10/25/2020	10/30/2020
23	10/26/2020	11/08/2020	11/13/2020
24	11/09/2020	11/22/2020	11/27/2020
25	11/23/2020	12/06/2020	12/11/2020
26	12/07/2020	12/20/2020	12/24/2020

APPROVED BY THE JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON 12/12/19

x Matt Sporleder

Matt Sporleder, President

x Robert Willhite

Robert Willhite, Vice- President

x Dave Lane

Dave Lane, Commissioner

x Tessia Salsman

Tessia Salsman, Auditor